

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN LOREN SOFT**, on March 3, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Loren Soft, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Bob Davies (R)  
Rep. Tom Dell (D)  
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)  
Rep. Ralph Lenhart (D)  
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)  
Rep. Bruce Simon (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)  
Rep. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Roy Brown, Vice Chairman (R)

**Staff Present:** David Niss, Legislative Branch  
Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 75, SB 101 & SB116

Executive Action: SB 101 DO CONCUR 17-0  
SB 116 DO CONCUR 17-0

**Discussion:** Concerning changes to bills due to CI-75.

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**Motion/Vote:** REP. SIMON moved to allow Mr. David Niss to prepare amendments to disregard CI-75 related sections of bills. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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### **HEARING ON SB 75**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. MIKE HALLIGAN introduced the bill.

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### **Proponents' Testimony:**

Mr. Steve Bullock, Department of Justice.

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Mr. Wally Melcher, representing people with developmental disabilities.

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Mr. Verner Bertelsen, Montana Senior Citizen's Association, stated that he was in support of the original bill.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.6 - 11}***

Ms. Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program, asked the committee to restore section three of the bill.

**EXHIBIT (huh48a01) EXHIBIT (huh48a02)**

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11 - 19}***

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

### **Informational Testimony:**

Ms. Rose Hughes, Executive Director of Montana Health Care, stated that they opposed restoring the original bill.

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Ms. Susan Good, representing several specialist in the medical profession, stated that they were opposed to restoring section three.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.3 - 23}***

### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

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Closing by Sponsor: SEN. HALLIGAN closed.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.2 - 22.3}

HEARING ON SB 101

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. FRANKLIN introduced the bill.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.1 - 27.2}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Drew Dawson, Chief of the Health Systems Bureau, DPHHS,  
**EXHIBIT** (huh48a03).

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27.4 - 31.1}

Mr. John Flink, former Montana Hospital Association, MHA.

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Mr. Doug Neil, Montana State Firemen's Association.

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Mr. Todd Thun, Montana Nurses Association.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.3 - 0.7}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. FRANKLIN closed.

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HEARING ON SB 116

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. GLASER introduced the bill.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.8 - 4.2}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Denzel Davis, Administer of the Quality Assurance Division  
with the DPHHS, **EXHIBIT** (huh48a04).

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.6 - 9.9}

Mr. John Flink, MHA.

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Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor: SEN. GLASER closed. REP. BROWN will carry the bill on the house floor.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 101

Motion/Vote: REP. KRENZLER moved that SB 101 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously 17-0. No proxy was received from REP. GUGGENHEIM.

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.3 - 16.3}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 116

Motion/Vote: REP. SHOCKLEY moved that SB 116 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously 17-0. No proxy was received from REP. GUGGENHEIM.

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.3 - 17.3}*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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REP. LOREN SOFT, Chairman

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Cassandra Drynan, Secretary

LS/JR

**EXHIBIT (huh48aad)**